(b) The number of pilots, engineers and other ground staff who have been granted premature retirement/resignation during the last five years, since 1 st January 2002 and upto 31 st October, 2007, is given below:—

	Prermature retirement	Resignation
Pilots	388	1
Engineers	243	2
Ground duty officers (including medical branch officers)	308	6
Personnel below officers rank	3939	

(c) The requests for acceptance of premature retirement/resignation are considered as per government instructions. The majority of the officials released from service had completed their useful tenure. These exits do not affect the operational status of the squadrons. The vacancies in the forces including those arising due to premature retirement/ resignation are filled up as per normal procedure. The improvement of the job profile of lAF personnel is a continuous process, keeping in view the job specific requirements and operational necessity.

Emoluments payable to decorated soldiers

1683. SHRI SHARADANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

the emoluments and pension payable by the Central Government and the State Governments to each category of highly decorated soldiers/their families in the different States of the Union;

when these emoluments were last revised; and

whether Government is contemplating revision of their emoluments in recognition of the supreme sacrifices made by the highly decorated soldiers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No emoluments/pension is paid to the decorated soldiers. However, these soldiers are granted monthly monetary allowance over and above their entitled service pension by the Government. The State Governments also give them cash grants. After demise of Service Personnel their families are also entitled to such monetary allowance in addition to family pension.

The State-wise details of cash grants given to gallantry award winners are given in Statement I *{See* below).

The detail of monthly monetary allowance to the decorated soldiers is given in Statement II (5ee below).

The monetary allowances were last revised in 1999.

Revision in the pay and allowances of Government employees are undertaken on the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, both for uniformed and civilian employees.

Statement I

State-wise details of Cash Grants given to Gallantry Award Winners

(Amount in Rupees)

SL No.	State/UT		PVC	MVC	VrC	Ashok Chakra	Kirti Chakia	Shaurya Chakra	Soia Medal
(!)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(V)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(X)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	(a)	22,500	15,000	7000	20.000	12,5000	5.000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	600	350	250	
2.	Arunachal	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
	Pradesh	(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250
3.	Assam	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250
4.	Bihar	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250
5.	Delhi	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250

6.	*Goa*	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	- .
		(c)	500	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Haryana	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,00,000	50,000	30,000	20,000
		(c)	3,000	1,2000	900	2,400	900	600	600
			*24,400	*9,600	*7,200	19,200	*7,200	*4,800	*4,800
9.	Himachal	(a)-	@	@	@	@	@	@	
	Pradesh		25,00,000	16,00,000	10,00,000	25,00,000	15,00,000	10,00,000	3,000
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	10,00,00	20,000
		(c)	#1,25,000	#1,00,000	#50,000	#1,00,000	#1,00,000	#50,000	3,000
10.	Jammu &	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
	Kashmir	(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	2,000	800	600	1600	700	500	500
11.	Karnataka	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,00
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250
12.	Kerala	(a)	28,125	18,750	8,750	25,000	15,000	6,250	3,750'
		(b)	1,65,000	1,10,000	55,000	1,35,000	82,500	55,000	22,000
		(c)	1.100	660	330	880	385	330	275

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(V)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(X)
13.	Madhya	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
	Pradesh	(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	,50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14.	Maharashtra	(a)	22,600	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Manipur	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16.	Mizoram	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(c)	-	-	-	**180	**140	**100	-
17.	Nagaland	(a)	50,000	30,000	15,000	40,000	25,000	10,000	6,000
		(b)	2,00,000	1,25,000	80,000	1,50,000	1,00,000	70,000	50,000
		(c)	3,000	1,500	1,000	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
18.	Orissa	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.	Punjab	(a)	25,00,000	15,00,000	10,00,000	25,00,000	15,00,000	10,00,000	5,00,000
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(c)	***350	***275	***200	***325	***250	***175	

20.	Rajasthan	(a)	22,000	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	25BIL	25BIL	25BIL	25BIL	25BIL	25BIL	-
		(c)	50 BUIL	50 BUIL	50 BUIL	50 BUIL	50 BUIL	50 BUIL	-
21.	Sikkim	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	250
		(c	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	3,000
22.	Tamil Nadu	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	-
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	-
		(c)	1,000	750	300	800	500	250	3,000
23.	Tripura	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	-
		(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
24.	Uttar	(a)	2,00,000	1,25,000	50,000	40,000	25,000	. 10,000	-
	Pradesh	(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
		(c)	1,000	400	300	400	200	200	3,000
25.	WestBengal	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	20,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	2,375
		(c)	9,500	3,800	2,850	7,600	3,325	2,375	3,000
26.	Chandigarh	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	20,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,10,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	250
		(c)	1000	400	300	800	350	250	3,000

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(V)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)	(X)
27.	Pondicherry	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	20,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	250
1		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	3,000
28.	Chattisgarh	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	20,000
		(b) (c)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	3,000
29.	Uttaranchal	(a)	22,250	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	20,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	250
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	_
30.	Jharkhand	(a)	22,500	15,000	7,000	20,000	12,000	5,000	3,000
		(b)	1,50,000	1,00,000	50,000	1,25,000	75,000	40,000	20,000
		(c)	1,000	400	300	800	350	250	250

* Now applicable to all awardees irrespective of date of receipt.

a) Denotes Cash Award.

b) Denotes Cash in lieu of land.

Denotes Annuity.

@ One Time Grant

For previous awardees

** Per month

*** Monthly annuity grant with effect from 6th November 2002.

BIL = Bighas of Irrigated land.
BUIL = Bighas of Unirrigated Land.

Statement II

Monthly monetary allowance attached to various gallantry awards from the central Government

Award	**Monetary allowance (Rs. per month)**
Param Vir Chakra	1500/-
Ashok Chakra	1400/-
Maha Vir Chakra	1200/-
Kirti Chakra	1050/-
Vir Chakra	850/-
Shaurya Chakra	750/-
Sena/Nao SenaA^ayu Sena	250/-
Medal (Gallantry)	
Indian order of Merit	350/-
Indian order of Merit Class I	300/-
Indian order of Merit Class II	200/-
Distinguished Service Cross	200/-
Military Cross	200/-
Distinguished Flying Cross	200/-
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	200/-
Military Medal	90/.
Indian Distinguished Service Medal	70/!-
Distinguished Flying Medal	50/-

Note: Each Bar to the decoration will carry the same amount of monetary allowance admissible to the original award, in addition.

Increase in dowry deaths and spousal homicides

1684. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that the number of dowry deaths and spousal homicides have increased in recent years;

if so, the number of cases, State-wise;

whether Government has implemented any action plan contemplating to prevent such increasing number of spousal homicides in our country; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) No data is maintained of spousal homicides. As per statistics complied by